

TAFT LIKED IN WEST

Former Washington Governor Lands Secretary.

CRITICISES WALL STREET MEN

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Ex-Gov. Miles C. Moore, of Washington, one of the leading bankers of Walla Walla, the home of Senator Ankeny, at the Willard Hotel last night said that Secretary Taft is the strongest candidate in the Pacific Coast States for the Republican nomination.

"The people of the far West have great admiration for the governor of New York," Gov. Moore said. "They realize that he has announced some new theories of government, and that he has described anew the proper conception of the relation which should exist between the executive and the legislative branches of the government. In this, he has performed a valued service, which is no small contribution toward current political discussion. He is upright, able, progressive, distinctly a valuable addition to those who lately have taken part in the processes of evolving higher and better forms of government."

Not Ideal President.

"But we of the far West cannot believe that any man can be an ideal President who has absolutely no knowledge of the country beyond the boundaries of New York State."

"I am not voicing petulant sentiment when I assert that New York has failed dismally to comprehend the vital needs of the empire from the west and south from Manhattan Island. It has been the habit of thought in New York city to feel more or less of contempt for the 'provinces,' as they regard all localities not within the boundaries of the 'greater city.' During the recent financial flurry New York utterly failed to understand the importance to the far West of its action in refusing to pay balances held in the metropolis by all Western banks. We were stronger in all respects than at any time in our history. Yet, from a defect in our economic system there we suffered as we had no right to suffer."

Opinion in West and South.

"In saying these things I am reflecting almost universal opinion in the West and South, and it is germane to the original proposition I laid down in this regard: We want a man for the Republican nomination who has become familiar with all parts of the country, and whose activities have brought him, at times at least, away from the self-centered New York to take a broad view of the entire nation's needs and resources and possibilities."

"This is no trivial consideration, in our opinion. It is important enough to influence thousands of voters, and will be an essential element in the ante-convention preparations next year."

"I am sure Secretary Taft will be the leader in our Western country."

HEBREW CHARITY CLOSED.

New York Organization Hand-capped by Lack of Funds.

New York, Dec. 24.—The United Hebrew Charities which helps about 40,000 persons yearly, closed its doors temporarily today because of lack of funds. It is expected that the main offices will be reopened on January 1, but the branches have been closed permanently. The trustees decided a month ago that the resources of the charities would exceed the expenditure of only \$2,000 a month. The appropriation for December has been exhausted.

Dr. Lee K. Frankel, the superintendent of the charities, said that between seventy-five and one hundred applicants were turned away from the society's offices today. Many of these applicants wanted help to meet their rent. They will either have to depend on the friends or the mercy of the landlord. Dr. Frankel said that since the organization had begun to curtail its help beggary had increased on the lower east side.

POST-OFFICE CLERK ARRESTED.

Employee Found Sending Christmas Packages to a Woman Friend.

New York, Dec. 24.—Edward J. Donlon, post-office clerk in station H, who was arrested on Monday by Postal Inspectors Meyer and Jacobs for rifling Christmas packages, is spending Christmas Day in the Tombs. He has been under surveillance for a week past, but it was not until Monday he was caught opening a package. He admitted that he had rifled several other packages. He rearranged and remarked the contents and redressed the package to a young woman in East Fifty-eighth street. Donlon has been in the postal service since July 1. He is twenty-five years old.

POPE GIVES AUDIENCE.

Members of Sacred College Present Usual Christmas Greetings.

Rome, Dec. 24.—At noon today the Pope gave audience to the members of the Sacred College, including the six cardinals he created a few days ago, for the customary Christmas greetings.

Contrary to usage, His Holiness did not make a speech, but he conversed familiarly with the cardinals on the subjects of the education of the canon law, the revision of the vultate, and religious instruction in schools.

The Pope's health is excellent. He will spend tomorrow in his sister's company.

BANDITS STOP CARD GAMES.

Line Up Fifteen Men Against Wall in Chicago Saloon.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Four masked men entered the saloon of William Wright last night and obtained \$400 in money, eight gold watches, and four revolvers. The watches and \$300 were secured from fifteen patrons of the saloon. The men were playing cards when the visitors, each presenting a revolver, entered.

The players were persuaded to stop playing for the moment and line up at the bar, where two of the quartet accepted their contributions while the others stood at present arms.

After this ceremony, one of the collectors went behind the bar and divested the cash register of \$40. Then the four escaped.

Appeal in Kingston Case.

Kington, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—The Supreme Court today reserved judgment in the insurance appeal cases. The companies claim that the verdicts of the juries giving judgment against them for losses sustained at the time of the earthquake here were against the weight of

FRENCH BALLOON SAILS.

The Ville de Paris May Take the Place of La Patrie.

Paris, Dec. 24.—After being tested by the military authorities in the neighborhood of Meisson, near Paris, the dirigible balloon Ville de Paris, which is owned by Henri de la Moutrie, started for Verdun at 9:35 this morning with favorable weather. It passed over Meaux, twenty-seven miles north-northeast of Paris at 11:30 and repassed Meaux at 12:45 going in the direction of Paris.

The balloon may take the place in the French frontier service which the lost La Patrie was to have taken.

START ON WEEK'S HUNT.

Gov. Campbell, of Texas, and Bryan Go After Bear.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 24.—Gov. Campbell left at noon today for Lake Surprise, in Eastern Texas, where he will be joined by William Jennings Bryan to-morrow on a week's hunt. While they will devote some time to duck shooting, Gov. Campbell took along a couple of bear guns and he hopes to get a bruin or two on the trip. Plans have been made to have Col. Bryan get a shot at bears. A pack of trained bear dogs will be provided.

HOWARD ON WITNESS STAND

Denies Every Allegation Made by Youtsey in Powers Trial.

Says He Never Saw Gov. Taylor, Caleb Powers, Nor Henry Youtsey Day of Shooting.

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 24.—Jim Howard, three times found guilty by a jury on the charge of murdering William Goebel, denied, in detail, every allegation of Henry E. Youtsey, who is also serving a life sentence for the same offense, in the trial of Caleb Powers today.

Howard took the witness stand immediately after the noon recess, and told of going to Frankfort to see Gov. Taylor about getting a pardon for the murderer of "old man" George Baker. He told of numerous persons he met en route and after he reached Frankfort.

He said he had been in town only a short time when some men came by the Trade Hotel, where they were hearing the body of a man they said was Goebel. He told who was present—men at that he has since learned. He did not go to the State house until late that afternoon.

Howard says he had never seen Gov. Taylor; had never seen Caleb Powers; nor any of the persons connected with the crime. He met Powers first after they had both been convicted and taken to the Louisville jail, while their cases were being appealed to higher courts.

He met Youtsey first in the Frankfort jail, after he had testified in his trial at Georgetown, where Youtsey was laying in a pretended unconscious condition.

Howard declared he was innocent of the murder of Goebel, and had no idea of the identity of the person who fired the shot.

WIFE TO BLAME, HE SAYS.

President Tries to Shift Responsibility for Destroyed Records.

New York, Dec. 24.—The inquiry by the grand jury into the affairs of the Hamilton Bank was continued this afternoon, the witnesses being clerks and other minor employees of the institution. The testimony of one of these witnesses, a clerk in the bank, was considered to be of the highest importance, as it had to do with the statement made by William R. Montgomery, president of the bank.

When the grand jury had ascertained that the evidence desired in the accounts of the bank was missing, Montgomery was asked to explain how it happened that the full records of his transactions were not available. In reply, he told the grand jury that two days after the bank failed he directed a clerk to bring to his house all deposit slips, vouchers, and check stubs which made a record of his business with the bank. When the clerk delivered these, Mrs. Montgomery manifested a deep interest in them.

"My wife," Montgomery is reported to have told the grand jury, in effect, "destroyed the stubs and slips because she did not want my business affairs to get into the newspapers."

The clerk who carried the papers to Montgomery's home was called for the purpose of verifying the statement of Montgomery.

ACTRESS' WILL FILED.

Clara Bloodgood Left All Her Property to Husband.

New York, Dec. 24.—The will of Clara Bloodgood, the actress who committed suicide by shooting herself recently at Baltimore, Md., was filed in the Surrogate's Court today.

To her husband, William Laimbeer, the testatrix left her house at 16 East Thirty-ninth street, together with all its contents, for life with the power to dispose of the house and its contents by will to whomsoever he sees fit to leave it.

The residue of her estate the actress left to Bernard M. Burch and Shepherd K. De Forest to hold in trust and to turn over the income to her husband during his life. She also authorized her husband to dispose of the residuary estate by his will. The value of the estate was set forth to be more than \$100,000 in real property and more than \$10,000 in personal property. The will was executed June 13, 1907, and names as executors the two trustees of the residuary estate.

DIES AFTER WEDDING.

Wealthy Brewer Succumbs Immediately After the Ceremony.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Within a few hours after his marriage to Mrs. Marie Louise Feigenspan, widow of his former employer, Christian Stengel, president of the Feigenspan Brewing Interests in Newark, N. J., died at the German Hospital in this city this morning.

Stengel was brought to the hospital from Newark on Thursday to undergo an operation for appendicitis, and was accompanied by Mrs. Feigenspan, to whom he was engaged. Feigenspan was the founder of a brewing company bearing his name, in Newark, and it was his dying request that if Mrs. Feigenspan married again her husband should be Stengel, who had served many years as the brewer's confidential secretary.

When it was seen that Stengel must be operated upon and that his chances of recovery were small, Mrs. Feigenspan secured a license and was married by the hospital chaplain, Rev. C. F. Bachmann.

McConnell Discoveries in Vitality

Taught by Lectures and Training in the LIFE ELECTRICITY INSTITUTE, 1116 F St. N. W., Washington.

By learning the science of increasing and regulating the vital forces, the facts have been proven that any medically incurable chronic invalid may cure himself in a few weeks. Plenty of vitality is all there is to health. The science of vitality increase can be taught by mail.

STORIES OF CHRISTMAS-TIME

George Wellington McCombs, Late Tommy Atkins, Reports "Drunk" to Santa Claus—Street Car Passengers Watch Boy Tell Deaf and Dumb Father Where to Shop.

George Wellington McCombs, late of the British empire and more recently of the corner saloon, walked sedately along one of the downtown streets the other afternoon, surrounded by crowds of holiday shoppers and the smell of whisky, which didn't come from the former.

The lump in George Wellington's back pocket probably came from a bottle; his sedateness came from a long familiarity with its contents, but it never verged into ribald mirth. His eye was cast, for the most part, upon the ground, and he took but slight notice of the passersby. His step, listless from drink, was slow, even if carefully taken.

But with all George Wellington's abject demeanor there was something about his build that might make a man who wasn't too interested in buying gifts for the "kiddies" look at him twice. His broad back, with a neat-fitting suit of blue, his wide, straight shoulders and his head, which, evidently, was sometimes carried well back, marked him as a man who had worn the colors of some regiment or other in days past.

At last evening the booze-soaked spirit of George Wellington seemed to rouse under the spell of Christmas, for, as he passed in and out among the throng, his step became a trifle quicker, his head was raised a little and his eyes took in some of the details of the scene. Pausing at last before a window in which a Santa Claus stood before an admiring throng, George Wellington stood in silent soliloquy for a moment or two.

"By! It's my old captain of the first," he said. The unsteady hand of George Wellington came to the regulation salute of the trained soldier, his heels clicked together, and his head came back to the proper position of a soldier.

"I have to report, sir," he continued, while the crowd wondered at the little drama, that I am drunk."

As the captain of the first didn't answer or make any sign, George Wellington seemed to conclude that he was dismissed.

"I'm going to the guard house, sir, to sleep it off." He turned and marched away.

He was rather tired looking for a young man, and evidently married, although it should be stated at the beginning that the latter is no sufficient reason for his fagged-out look. But the little boy by his side, sitting huddled close to him in a Connecticut avenue car bound cityward, made it reasonably safe to assume that he was the father.

The child sat very quiet for block after block, while the father, absorbed in contemplation of his own troubles, said never a word and looked up but little.

When the conductor passed through, the man handed out a quarter. The fare-taker, as is customary, asked if he wanted tickets. Never a word answered the silent one as he looked back. He shook his head, took back his change soberly, put it in his pocket, and again turned to his examination of the beautiful atmosphere of the car.

The woman sitting next to the boy, encouraged by his good, little rosy face, bent over and was soon engaged in talking about the coming Christmas. The man never ceased his look forward at nothing, until at last his son's new-found friend, perturbed evidently by the man's cool reception of her friendly advances, made a last gesture of despair and turned away.

There has been a movement on foot for a long time among the Monon officials whereby the Monon might acquire possession of the C. H. & D. This movement is thought to have reached a climax. The repair department of the Monon shop of the city received notice yesterday to letter the coaches that have been in the title of C. H. & D. so that they will read Monon. This is taken as a strong indication that the Monon will run its trains on its own tracks from Cincinnati.

MONON GETS C. H. & D.

Chicago-Louisville Line Will Have Own Tracks Into Cincinnati.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 24.—It was reported at the headquarters of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad today that the Monon would obtain control of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad after the first of the year. No official announcement was made, but the employees are all looking for the deal to be consummated.

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ASK TO OPEN DRUCE GRAVE.

Formal Application Made to Chancellor of London Diocese.

London, Dec. 24.—Application was made this afternoon to the chancellor of the diocese of London for authority to open the grave in Highgate Cemetery which contains the body of H. T. Druce, the Baker street merchant, and the coffin weighted with lead, which the claimants of the Portland millions declare was buried when the fifth decade decided to rid himself of his mercantile career.

The chancellor has full power over the cemeteries in the diocese. No new graves may be opened without the assurance of a faculty from his office, no new land utilized for burial purposes without his permission. It is in his power to issue a faculty for the opening of graves for other than burial purposes, and this action is probably taken because of failure recently to get the Druce grave reopened by authority of the home secretary.

BANK IN RECEIVER'S HANDS.

No Statement Issued to Show Condition of Memphis Concern.

Memphis, Dec. 24.—The Memphis Savings Bank failed to open its doors this morning. A notice posted on the door said that the bank had been placed in the hands of a receiver, and that E. B. McElroy had been appointed receiver. No statement has been issued.

President S. P. Reed, of the Memphis Clearing House Association, said that the clearing house association would not affect any other institution in the city. Mr. Reid said he felt certain that all depositors in the Memphis Savings Bank would be paid in full. The bank carries deposits of over \$2,500,000.

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W. S. Sims Acquitted.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 24.—W. L. Sims, charged with aiding and abetting in the embezzlement of nearly \$100,000 from the First National Bank of Birmingham by the ex-paying teller, A. R. Chisholm, now serving a five years' sentence, was today acquitted after a trial which lasted sixteen days.

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